

CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVACY

The Tucson Vet Center Staff respects the privacy of all veterans, and we hold in strictest confidence all information disclosed in the counseling process. No information will be communicated to any person or agency, without written consent from the veterans, except in circumstances to avert a crisis. (Privacy Act, 1975).

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Phoenix Vet Center

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Phoenix, AZ 85004
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Prescott, AZ 86301
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Hopi Outstation

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Keams Canyon, AZ 86030
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Chinle, AZ 85603
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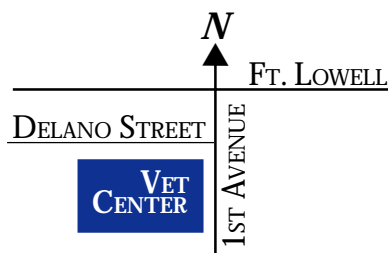


Vet Center

Tucson Vet Center

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Tucson Vet Center

Veteran's Readjustment Services



Serving Those Who
Served the Nation...



*To care for him who shall have
borne the battle...*

Abraham Lincoln

MISSION

The Vet Center Program was established by Congress in 1979 out of the recognition that a significant number of veterans were still experiencing readjustment problems. Programs offered to assist eligible veterans include professional readjustment counseling, community education, outreach to special populations and the brokering of services with community agencies. The Vet Center provides a key access link between the veteran and other services in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

BACKGROUND OF VET CENTERS

The Tucson Vet Center is one of 206 Centers established across the nation beginning in 1979. Since its opening in June of 1981, the Tucson Vet Center has assisted thousands of veterans and their families in coming to terms with such problems as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorders (PTSD), marital/family conflict, drug/alcohol issues, anxiety, depression, and employment. The staff at the Tucson Vet Center includes a four-person team with adjunct work-study students and a disabled veteran outreach program (DVOP) employment specialist provided by the DES Job Service.

Initially, *all* veterans are seen at the Tucson Vet Center. However, long-term treatment/services are offered to veterans who are within the following eligibility criteria and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable:

- **Vietnam** or in **Vietnam Era**
February 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975
- **Korean War**
June 27, 1950 - July 27, 1954
- **Persian Gulf**
August 2 1990 - _____
- **Panama**
December 20, 1989 - January 31, 1990
- **Grenada**
October 23, 1983- November 21, 1983
- **Lebanon**
August 25, 1982 - February 26, 1984
- **Somalia**
September 17, 1992 - _____
- Veterans who received a campaign medal in World War II.
- Veterans who have been the victim of sexual assault or sexual harassment during military service.

SERVICES PROVIDED

- ✓ Individual Counseling
- ✓ Group Counseling
- ✓ Marital/Family Counseling
- ✓ Alcohol/Drug Assessment
and referral or Counseling
- ✓ Spouse/Significant Other Group
- ✓ Benefits Assistance and Referral
- ✓ Job Referral
- ✓ Employment Counseling & Guidance
- ✓ Community Education
- ✓ Liaison with other VA Facilities
- ✓ Referral to Community Agencies
- ✓ Contracts with selected local/community agencies or counselors

VALUES

Trauma Counseling- To ensure the highest quality of counseling for posttraumatic stress disorder symptoms delivered in accessible community setting

Special Populations- To reach out to disenfranchised and unserved veterans

Networking- To establish working relationships with local, state, and federal organizations to assist veterans who are readjusting from military to civilian life

Wellness- To promote wellness activities with veterans to help them reach quality health and life goals and diminish the need for more intensive health care

Leadership- To serve as the leaders in provision of treatment and outreach for veterans suffering from war trauma and connect veterans to appropriate resources to compassionately heal that trauma

Management- To provide a cost effective system of community based Vet Centers